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1. Basic orders issued by the Hungarian War Ministry during 1951 included an order in which all officers, NCOs and IM were called upon to contribute to the tightening of discipline and the fulfillment of the training program. In a later order, which was made known to IM only in part, officers were informed that the first order relating to the tightening of discipline and the realization of the training program had not fully been complied with. In a third order it was pointed out that the Soviet status of training had not been reached as scheduled in 1951. For this reason, the NCOs employed for training purposes were to be retained in the army beyond their scheduled period of service. These men were to be given an 80 percent pay raise and issued a new uniform of worsted cloth. Incentives in the form of greater freedom and prolonged leaves were also to be granted.
2. By frequently staying in the orderly rooms of units of the 38th AAA Div in Budapest and from army clerks with whom he was well acquainted, source learned that correspondence in the Hungarian Army was divided into military correspondence, political correspondence and correspondence conducted by counter-intelligence agencies. Military correspondence was either classified or non-classified.
3. Non-classified material arriving at the division headquarters was registered in the non-classified material office and forwarded to the department concerned. An acknowledgement of receipt was entered in a special book. The department to which the document was forwarded, entered it into a special log called "okmánynapló." When all the necessary actions had been taken the document was returned to the non-classified material office where it was filed. Non-classified documents were numbered consecutively, numbers being followed by identification letters indicating the departments competent for the questions dealt with in these documents. Non-classified letters and documents were addressed only to the post office boxes of the units concerned.
4. Classified material was handled only by couriers and not sent as ordinary mail. For these documents, special white paper marked by a diagonal orange stripe about two centimeters wide was used. The numbers of classified documents always began with O or OO.

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These documents would be addressed with the actual designation of the unit. For the Hq 33th AAA Div, courier mail was usually picked up at the mail office of the War Ministry, registered at the classified material office and from there forwarded to the departments concerned. Receipt was required. Every chief of a department or section had at his disposal a sheet metal locker in which classified documents were kept. These lockers were sealed with wax, each department using a special seal, and after duty hours the lockers were turned in to the classified material office. The chief of this office was allowed to leave only after the lockers of all departments had been deposited. Classified material was either secret or top secret (szigorosan titkos). Only a greenish paper also marked by an orange diagonal stripe was used for top secret documents.

5. Correspondence of the political departments and counterintelligence departments was handled by special offices. Detailed information on the procedure used was not available.
6. All soldiers of the Hungarian Army were obliged to render the military salute. This obligation existed even between soldiers of the same rank. The military salute had to be acknowledged by superiors. Within the confines of military posts, MM saluting officers had to goose-step.

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